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Luke –

Thank you for the information on mitigation banks. The project is within the Raisin, Huron, and Upper Grand watersheds so the mitigation bank coming on line in the Huron watershed could be an option for wetland impacts within that watershed. We will need to work on other options for the Raisin and Upper Grand watersheds.

By way of an update. FERC issued its Notice of Schedule for the Project on November 9, 2015. The notice indicates that FERC will need additional time to process their EIS and likely would not issue the Final EIS until July 2016, with the 7(c) certificate and permission to begin construction typically following a couple of months later. That in turn pushes construction of the Michigan segment out into late 2016. All surveys have been completed in Michigan, resulting in the identification of one new ditch, one new ephemeral stream, and one forested wetland (the one on the Littlefield Trust property). There have been some minor realignments that have changed the pipeline crossing of streams or wetlands, and the Vector Meter Station has been shifted west. Except for the Littlefield Trust property, none appear to affect new landowners. Rover is still in the process of finalizing the exact location of the pipeline within some segments of the ITC right-of-way. Once that piece falls into place, hopefully in December, we will provide a complete update.

Taking all this into consideration, an extension will be necessary. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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Patricia,

FYI . . . please see below some updates on mitigation banks within a few areas. The Macomb County bank would most likely not be able to service any of your project due to its location and Rover impact areas. DEQ and EPA most likely would have a hard time allowing for the impacts without available service areas unless large preservation pieces are obtained that would maybe qualify. Have you had any update on where Rover is at with their process and FERC? Have you updated all impact areas from the latest surveys? Is the final route determined where any alternate routes were proposed?

We will most likely have to republic notice this project due to additional impact areas that were excluded from the previous public notice.

The final date for the DEQ to make a final decision is scheduled for 2/25/2016. If it is necessary to

extend the due date with a second full (120 days) extension due to public noticing reasons and or mitigation options please let us know ahead of time. We look forward to your update/response.

Thank you,

Luke Golden

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Claire and others,

Although I do not know project specifics here is where we stand as far as availability of wetland banks in the area:

1. Niswander has a newly constructed wetland bank site in Macomb County that should have credits released in the summer of 2016. The site services the Clinton River Watershed and VI.1.1 Ecoregion.
2. I know of another bank site that will be constructed in 2016 in Washtenaw County, Huron River Watershed that services Ecoregion VI.1.2/VI.1.3 (the ecoregion line splits the bank site).
3. A wetland bank can only service the watershed and ecoregion where it is physically located. By law you can't go outside of watershed/ecoregion for bank sites.

I guess a few questions I have is when is the project being permitted, when are the impacts likely to occur, what is the breakdown of impacts by watershed/ecoregion and is this likely to be an EPA Red File. To date EPA has not allow projects to be permitted unless bank credits are approved and available.

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